

SCHOOL BOARD GIVES COOL RECEPTION TO PROPOSAL TO RAISE TEACHERS' SALARIES

After Several Members of Board Express Disapproval, Question is Left Over For 1917 Board — Deputation of Teachers is Present and Presents Petition Pointing Out Arguments For Reinstatement of Old Salaries—Business of Year is Cleaned Up.

Teachers of Edmonton public schools did not meet with an altogether favorable reception last night when they came before the School board with a request that salaries

light, be reinstated to the former basis and not be subject to a discount of 10 per cent.

After receiving the deputation from the teachers and discussing the application, the board turned the matter over for the consideration and decision

was accepted, the price being \$1,237.

Depew Hiltas Electrical Co. were given the contract for the electric lighting and power fittings at the same building, their tender for carrying out the work amounting to \$224.55.

Appointments Made.

The following were temporarily appointed to the teaching staff for the period, January 1st to June 30th, 1917, salaries to be subject to a discount of 10 per cent.:

Mrs. Mary E. Goff, Mrs. Agnes C. Muir, Mrs. Alice Wendell, Mrs. M. L.

ended in, which contained the signatures of all the teachers on the staff. The petition urged that the application had been resolved upon prior to recent similar action of other civic employees, and was in no sense a mere copying of procedure.

The reasons given for the reinstatement were the many calls made upon teachers at the present time, the increased and increasing cost of living to the staff and their dependents; also that the decreased salaries had given many excellent colleagues out of the service.

the service, and was inducing others to like a course. It was impossible to continue the assistance to national and local needs that they would like to render. Apart from their increasing duties in subjects and numbers, the ordinary strain upon the vital powers

as such as to make their working hours comparatively short, and in the absence of any pensions they were absolutely dependent upon their remuneration for future as well as present provisions.

Trustee MacKenzie remarked that a majority of those who had left had listed, and if the board reduced the salaries another 10 per cent. it might save the same effect. Those who had listed had made every sacrifice, even their lives, and he thought that those

to lives, and he thought that those who stayed here might consider themselves well off, and should be ready to make some sacrifice. Those who stayed here on the same salary were better off than those who had enlisted, who were receiving probably only \$5.00 of what they might have had.

A cordial vote of thanks was given Chairman Barnes for the way in which he had conducted the business of the board.

those already been made in the case of those receiving under \$80.

Attention having been called to what had been done at Calgary and Lethbridge, Mr. McKenzie said that they could not be placed in the same light as Edmonton, as these districts were tax-free, and the water charges were

thanked Secretary Bradey and the other officials of the board for their work and co-operation.

Thanks to the Press.

Both the chairman and Trustee Rea tendered thanks to the press for the fairness and accuracy with which the

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in the future. While the charter has been amended so that the city is to pay the school board quarterly, it was not done by the taxes, but by borrowed money. He thought, however, something might be done in the way of increasing the lowest salaries.

trustee Ramsay said that there were more calls on the teacher than on ordinary business man, especially when they were on Jasper, as they came at the rate of two or three a week. It had also been said that

Cost of living was increasing, but they must remember that their salaries had been going up yearly as well. Other civic employees could not be considered in the matter, as they not have these yearly increases, did not agree with Mr. Rea that

might do something with the salaries, but he thought it ill to be left to the new board. Trustee Ita said that High school fees were double at present what they were twelve years ago, and was unanimously decided to leave

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